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A method of debiting a deposit account associated with a payer, in connection with a request to make a payment, includes receiving a request for a payment service provider to make a payment to a payee on behalf of a payer. The received request is processed by the payment service provider to select one of (i) a paper draft and (ii) an electronic funds transfer, as a form for debiting a deposit account associated with the payer. An instruction by the payment service provider is generated to debit the payer's deposit account in accordance with the selected form for debiting.